

23 October 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: ISA Planning Group

1. A planning group to deal with contingencies that may arise in connection with the Cuban crisis has been set up in Mr. Nitze's office. Deputy Assistant Secretary/ISA Henry S. Rowen is chairman of the group which, in addition to the regular members of his Planning Staff, includes Col. Tom Wolfe (now RAND consultant to ISA) and Mr. Ray Garthoff (who also participates in a planning group at State).
2. The ISA planning group intends to produce estimative type papers on possible Soviet moves and counter-moves for the duration of the crisis. Until I turned up at the Pentagon last night, the group has relied entirely on DIA for intelligence support.
3. The ISA group is one of several of its kind already in operation. At State, Mr. Rostow heads such a group and Mr. Kitchen another. At the Pentagon, J-3 maintains a war room and J-5 a special planning staff to deal with the crisis.
4. The ISA group is somewhat isolated from the rest of the community and welcomes CIA support. They would like to be kept informed on what the intelligence community is doing with respect to the crisis. And they have already posed a series of questions, the answers to which will be important inputs in their work. I am in the process of seeking answers to these questions from CIA components. One problem that I have encountered right off is that some of the people in the ISA group do not have clearances to receive certain types of information. This problem is being dealt with by Mr. Rowen.
5. Among the questions put to us last night are these: What kind of a bombing capability do MIG -21's have? What is the POL situation (there are conflicting ~~data~~ figures on this)? What are the Soviet ship captains' instructions? How long before the missiles in Cuba deteriorate? What is the warhead situation? Have there been any changes in the Soviet strategic posture?

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